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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON WITH GROUP OF FIVE, SEPTEMBER 1

1. SUMMARY. THE SECRETARY OUTLINED HIS IDEAS ON RESOLVING THE COMMITTEE I PROBLEM, INDICATING THAT THERE COULD BE NO COMPROMISE ON THE DUAL ACCESS SYSTEM, BUT THAT WE COULD HELP PUT THE ENTERPRISE IN BUSINESS AND HAVE A REVIEW CLAUSE. THE RESPONSE WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. UK MINISTER LUARD WOULD SUGGEST FORMATION OF A SMALL NEGOTIATING GROUP TO PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE HAD NO PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME ON ANTI-MONOPOLY ISSUE, BUT WE WERE STUDYING THE MATTER. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER LUARD ELABORATED THE IDEA OF FORMING A NEGOTIATING GROUP ON A PERSONAL, PRIVATE BASIS OF ABOUT 15 WHO WOULD WORK WITH PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE. THE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO REACH HEADS OF AGREEMENT IN COMMITTEE I, PROBABLY GETTING INTO MORE DETAIL IN COMMITTEES II AND III ON THE STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE, MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA, ETC. THE SECRETARY INDICATED HE COULD SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL IF SOMEONE ELSE MADE IT. IT WAS LATER AGREED THAT MINISTER LUARD WOULD PRESENT THE PROPOSAL TO AMERASINGHE AT 6 P.M. AND INFORM THE SECRETARY OF AMERASINGHE'S REACTION AT THE RECEPTION. (AMERASINGHE

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DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA.)

3. IT WAS THE GENERAL VIEW THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS MOVING BACKWARDS AND THE DEADLOCK WAS DEEPENING. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE HAD NO FLEXIBILITY ON THE DUAL ACCESS SYSTEM, AND IF THIS WERE REJECTED AND THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT, WE WOULD MOVE AHEAD UNILATERALLY. HE THEN INDICATED THE AREAS OF FLEXIBILITY, HELPING THE ENTERPRISE GET INTO BUSINESS AND A REVIEW CLAUSE. WITH RESPECT TO THE ANTI-MONOPOLY PROBLEM, HE SAID WE HAD NO PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME, BUT CAN STUDY THE MATTER IF THINGS ARE NOT PUSHED TOO FAR. AMBASSADOR KOZYREV SHOWED A DECIDED INTEREST IN THE DETAILS OF ANY FINANCING PLAN FOR THE ENTERPRISE. HE THOUGHT THE IDEA WOULD BE VERY ATTRACTIVE. AMBASSADOR FUJISAKI AGREED, AS DID MR. LUARD, WHO SAID WE SHOULD STRESS TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING. MINISTER LACHARRIERE SAID THE IDEAS WERE VERY REASONABLE, BUT HE WAS NOT SURE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE IN A REASONABLE FRAME OF MIND. HE URGED THE SECRETARY TO BE CANDID ABOUT WHAT WE COULD NOT ACCEPT.
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